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PCSW Legislative Priorities 2006

The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women provides information, research and analysis to elected officials and the public regarding issues affecting the status of women. The following are our priority issues for the 2006 legislative session.

Violence Against Women

Trafficking of Women and Children – Support a proposal to define human trafficking in state criminal code, provide victim assistance, and increase interagency cooperation, data collection, and training.

Health Care for Survivors of Sexual Assault - Support proposals to ensure access to emergency contraception for survivors of sexual assault who may seek care in emergency departments.

Economic Security and Pay Equity

Education and Training for Welfare Recipients – Support proposals to increase basic education programs and the number of TFA recipients who can satisfy work requirements through participation in educational activities directed toward the attainment of a high school diploma or GED.

Balancing Work and Family - Support proposals to provide paid sick days, leave time or family leave insurance so that workers can balance work and family responsibilities.

Safety Net Services and Time Limits – Support proposals to increase the number of time limit extensions and expand eligibility for safety net services so that families who lose benefits due to time limits are also eligible for services.

Work Exemptions for People with Disabilities - Support proposals to exempt people with disabilities, including learning disabilities, from TFA work requirements.

Affordable Housing – Support proposals to increase the number of affordable housing units and provide programs and services to prevent homelessness.

Tax Reform to Assist Low-Income Families – Support tax proposals such as a state Earned Income Tax Credit to support the economic self-sufficiency of low-income families.

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Women and Business Development

Microenterprises – Support proposals to define the unique needs of very small businesses and find solutions that take into consideration their size and revenues.

Women and Health Care

Medicaid – Support proposals to repeal authorization for co-pays and premiums for adults under HUSKY A with incomes between 100% and 150% of the federal poverty level and to reduce barriers to enrollment and retention.

Gender Appropriate Behavioral/Mental Health Services – Support a proposal to require state funded programs to provide gender-appropriate treatment services for women and girls with behavioral and mental health needs.

State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) – Support efforts to restore funding for certain services under SAGA such as medically necessary transportation and also to ensure that adequate funding is available to serve the needs of all eligible adults.

Nutrition and Physical Activity

Support proposals that address the need for nutritional education and services in an effort to address preventable health conditions, particularly eating disorders and obesity.

Preferred Drug Lists – Support measures to establish consumer protections for people covered under preferred drug lists, e.g. guaranteed provision of temporary supplies and expedited approval procedures.

Home-Based Care– Support efforts to expand home-based care under Medicaid as an alternative to nursing home care through a federal waiver.

Cancer Detection and Treatment–Support proposals to increase funding and expand access to early breast, cervical and ovarian detection services and treatment.

Family Law

Health Benefits – Support measures to allow an employee to continue to cover an ex-spouse at the family coverage rate if ordered or agreed upon in a divorce agreement.

Criminal Justice and Corrections

Reforms in Juvenile Justice Programs for Girls - Support continuing efforts to provide a continuum of community-based services designed to prevent the incarceration of female juvenile status offenders and delinquents.

Budget Matters

Education and Training for Welfare Recipients – Support proposals to appropriate funds for a pilot program to increase the number of TFA recipients who can satisfy work requirements through participation in educational activities directed toward the attainment of a high school.

Childcare – Restore full funding for Care4Kids program to provide quality early care and education for children and allow low-income parents to remain on the job.

Smoking Prevention and Cessation Programs – Support proposals to appropriate funds for Medicaid coverage of smoking prevention and cessation programs.